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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled).

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing an agglutination reagent for detecting typhoid comprising:

- (a) preparing an antibody-a plurality of antibodies specific to a Flagellin gene of *Salmonella typhi*;
- (b) preparing a latex particle suspension; and
- (c) coating a plurality of latex particle particles with said antibody specific to said Flagellin gene of *Salmonella typhi*;

wherein said antibody specific to the Flagellin gene of *Salmonella typhi* is prepared according to a method comprising:

- (i) raising a hyper immune sera against a purified protein encoded by a Flagellin gene specific to *Salmonella typhi*, and
- (ii) separating said antibody specific to the Flagellin gene of *Salmonella typhi* from said hyper immune sera;

wherein said latex particle suspension is prepared according to a method consisting essentially of: